

German Catholic Convention

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THOUSANDS WILL COME.

Annual State Convention of German Catholics to Be Held Here in May.

A most important event, that will bring more than 5,000 visitors from all sections of the state to Pittsburgh, will be the third annual convention of the Roman Catholic State association, composed of almost all German Catholic societies in Pennsylvania, on May 18, 19 and 20. Extensive preparations are being made for the occasion by the German Catholics of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and there is no doubt that this convention will be the most successful ever held by the association. An executive committee, consisting of delegates from the different Catholic congregations in the Pittsburgh diocese, with Charles J. Jaegle, editor of the Beobachter, as president, has been hard at work for some time and has now nearly completed its task of making the preparations for the reception of the delegates and the most distinguished guests expected, among them the bishops of the archdiocese of Philadelphia. The number of delegates expected is 1,000 to 1,200.

A highly interesting program has been mapped out. On Monday, May 18, there will be the reception of the delegates at the St. Philomena school rooms, Fourteenth street and Penn avenue. On the evening of the same day a torchlight procession, such as never has been seen in this city, will be held by all German Catholic organizations of the Pittsburgh diocese. All those participating in the procession will wear a handsome medal held by a red, white and blue ribbon. One side of the medal shows an elegant likeness of Pope Leo XIII., and the other side bears the following inscription encircled by a laurel wreath: "Meeting of the German Catholics of the State of Pennsylvania, May 18, 19 and 20, 1896, Pittsburgh, Pa." On Tuesday morning, May 19, there will be a pontifical high mass at the magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral, Rt. Rev. Bishop Leo Haid, O. S. B., of North Carolina officiating. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. Maus of Allentown. After the church services the business meeting of the delegates will be held. In the evening an open mass meeting will take place in the Carnegie Music hall, on Forbes street.

The program which has been prepared for this meeting is a highly interesting one. The opening speech will be by Charles J. Jaegle. The following addresses will be by C. Zwilling, teacher of the St. Joseph's congregation in Erie, Pa., on "The Catholic Citizen," and Rev. Heinen of East Mauch Chunk on "The Christian Family." The closing speech will be delivered by Monsignor Dr. Joseph Schroeder, professor in the University of Washington, D. C., on "The Catholic Church in America." The intervals between the different speeches will be filled by some excellent music to be rendered by the Catholic Saengerbund and an orchestra. On the morning of May 20 a regular high mass, for the deceased members of the different societies, will be celebrated at St. Philomena's church. After having finished all business of the convention a banquet will be given in St. Marian hall, Liberty and North street, Allegheny, which will close the convention.

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Size 24

In cardinals

George W. Rods,
38 Hazelwood Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.



June 18th 1896.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Recording Secretary
17th Street 43rd St. N. Y.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 4th inst. was duly received. I am very glad that your Society secured one of the 'American Club' Grant medals direct. I did not secure a specimen for my own collection until the day I received your letter, and was told that it was the last one they had.

I enclose herewith clipping re-metal used at the Catholic Convention (May 18-20) as also one of the medals. The dies were cut by H. H. Warner & Bros. of Phila.

Yours Truly,
Geo. W. Rods.

Obv-

June 25/96

Pinst facing

abv Pope Leo XIII/

below 1896

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CHAS. J. JAEGLER, MANAGER

Pittsburg, Pa., June 30 1896

American Numismatic & Archaeological Society,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen,- In reply to your favor of June 27th, we herewith
send you one of our medals from which you may take the description and
size. We had made 8000 of these medals. They were all sold to the
visitors of the last Catholic Congress in our ~~State~~ ^{City} at the price of
8¢ each. The medals were issued by the Executive Committee having
charge of the Congress. The purpose was a remembrance of the Third
German Catholic State Meeting. The designer of the medal was Chas. J.
Jaegle. The medals were made by W. H. Warner & Bro. 9th Street, Phila.
who own the Dies. Hoping that the above will be in full accord with
your request, I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

Chas. J. Jaegle